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SUBJECT: REPORTED ARRESTS OF CZECHOSLOVAK DISSIDENTS

REF: PRAGUE 954

1. IN A BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF APRIL 28, CZECHOSLO-
VAK DISSIDENT JIRI PELIKAN, CURRENTLY RESIDING IN ROME, INDI-
CATED THAT HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ANY CONFIRMATION OF ARRESTS
OF DISSIDENTS AS MENTIONED IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, A KNOWLEDGEABLE
TRAVELER FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WHO REACHED VIENNA OVER THE
WEEKEND, REPORTED THAT THE APARTMENTS OF SOME DISSIDENTS,
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INCLUDING ZDENEK MLNAR, HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO EXCEEDINGLY

THOROUGH SEARCHES BY SECRET POLICE AGENTS ON OR ABOUT APRIL 23 AND LARGE QUANTITIES OF MATERIALS WERE CONFISCATED. PELIKAN'S ASSUMPTION WAS THAT SEIZURE OF THE MATERIALS COULD BE PRELUDE TO ARRESTS.

2. PELIKAN CONFIRMED EXISTENCE OF A LENGTHY SAMIZDAT REFORM DOCUMENT (PARA 3 OF REFTTEL) ALTHOUGH BREVITY OF CONVERSATION DID NOT PERMIT US TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON ITS AUTHORSHIP OR CONTENTS. HE DID REGRET THAT WESTERN MEDIA HAVE NOW "PRE-MATURELY" RELEASED WORD OF ITS EXISTENCE. BEAUDRY

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